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CHOROSOMA SCHILLINGI (SCHUMMEL) (HEM.: RHOPALIDAE)
IN WEST CUMBRIA. — I took one specimen of this unusual looking bug by sweeping along the edge of a large stand of Rosebay Willowherb in a dune slack on the Eskmeals Dunes Nature Reserve, (SD08.94), Cumbria, on 4th August, 1984. Despite further sweeping and searching in the immediate area this was the only specimen found.

According to Southwood & Leston (1959, *Land and water bugs of the British Isles*, London) *C. schillingi* is restricted mainly to coastal sand-dunes, and has been recorded from Norfolk, Pembroke and Anglesey, but apart from this it seems to be almost unknown from the north of Britain.

This would appear to be the first record of the bug from West Cumbria and it establishes a new record of vice county 70, Cumberland. There is no local material of *C. schillingi* among the five specimens in the F. H. Day collection of Heteroptera held in the Tullie House Museum in Carlisle, and the individuals are from Anglesey and Great Yarmouth, but two are from Deal, and were collected by E. C. Bedwell and bear the date 22.ix.23.

In an interesting note Mr. Peter Kirby, (*Entomologist's mon. Mag.*, **120** : 177) records the species from two inland sites in England, Canterbury, Kent and Rauceby Warren in Lincolnshire; and this latter record extends the northern range of the species on the eastern side of Britain.

Among some other interesting and local species of Heteroptera which I collected on the reserve during the summer of 1984 were, *Nedes tipularius* (L.), *Gampsocoris punctipes* and *Agramma laeta*, all by sweeping in the dune slacks, and *Heterotoma merioptera* occurred in small numbers on Bittersweet growing near to some Sea Buckthorn bushes.

I acknowledge the kind permission of the Cumbria Trust for Nature Conservation for allowing me to collect on the Eskmeals Reserve, and I also wish to thank Mr. David Clarke, curator of the Tullie House Museum for kindly allowing me to examine the F. H. Day collection. — R. W. J. READ, 43 Holly Terrace, Hensingham, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 8RF.